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Title_of Invention:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING FAILURE OF RING NETWORK

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- 3. [] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).
- A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. [A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the
 International Bureau).
 - b. [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 6. L[X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- 7. [X] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
 - a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. [X] have not been made and will not be made.
- 8. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- 9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- 10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12. [X] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [] A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 - [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. [] A substitute specification.
- [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16. [] Other items or information:
 - a. [] Verified Small Entity Statement.
 - b. [] Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.

a. [X] A check in the amount of \$1,114.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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